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Group Art Unit: 2188

For: DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE SYSTEM WITH
COMBINED BLOCK INTERFACE AND FILE INTERFACE ACCESS

Examiner: G.J. Portka

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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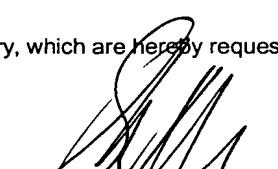
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2006, please amend the above-
identified application as follows.

A Petition for Extension of Time for one month and the appropriate fee is
attached hereto.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper and include both an
attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

Appendix including (annotated drawing sheet, replacement drawing sheet) is
attached following page 18 of this paper.